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Sir:

Per the examiner's request, the following outlines the nature of the Interview requested:

Claim 1 recites "rearranging means for rearranging images corresponding to the keywords searched by said search means according to **importance of the keywords in relation to the content of the images being searched**" [Emphasis added]. Other independent claims recite similar or parallel features.

The examiner has stated that Sano teaches "importance of the keywords in relation to the content of the being searched" at column 2, lines 45-61, in the Advisory Action.

1. Applicant wishes to find out how the examiner is interpreting the rearranging means.
2. Applicant wishes to find out how Sano's disclosure at column 2, lines 45-61 corresponds the above rearranging means.

The undersigned will contact the examiner at Noon tomorrow, as scheduled. If the examiner has any questions, please contact Lyle Kimms at 202-352-0491.